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WITHIN THE WEEK

There is an old saying to the effect that a majority of the people always feel better after an election—because a majority has elected its candidate. That is probably less true today than in any election celebrated in our time.

While Mr Roosevelt has a majority of ballots cast, this majority includes a substantial percentage of what might be termed "apprehensive" votes. These individuals, while disliking and distrusting many of the President's policies "went along" with him rather than risk a change of administration during hostilities. Some 10 days before election, it seemed possible, even probable, that this dissident group might turn to the Republican candidate, but the trend, then evident, was not maintained. This "apprehensive" faction made Mr Roosevelt's election possible. It was a move of expediency, rather than a demonstration of approval. And, as was to be expected in case of Mr. Roosevelt's re-election, substantial Democratic majorities have gone in with him. This eliminates the alibi of partisan opposition, but does not guarantee smooth sailing. Mr Roosevelt has often had his troubles in a preponderantly Democratic Senate.

It now seems probable, from early ret'ns, that Gov Dewey has polled a higher percentage of the

civilian vote than did Wendell Willkie in '40, when the U S was not yet at war. Total effect of the soldier vote remains to be seen.

WORLD-AT-WAR: With U S election out of the way, Average Citizen may now return his attention to the war. He will find many developments to disturb any tendency toward complacency.

First, he must face the fact that Japanese still have more naval strength than he had imagined. That reinforcements are getting thru to Leyte is an accepted fact.

In China, Japanese continue their approach upon only remaining U S air base. Maj-Gen Wedemeyer, succeeding Gen Stilwell, describes situation in China as "unfavorable, but not irretrievable."

U S citizen who has relegated bomb menace to back-of-the-mind position, was rudely reminded this wk that London still suffers not only from V-1 (robot bomb) but from new vengeance weapon, V-2, described by German High Command as "far more effective explosive." U S War and Navy dep'ts acknowledged this wk that robot attacks on U S were definite possibility. Missives might be launched by submarine or catapult plane carriers lying off-shore, or from long-range bombers controlled across the Atlantic by submarines.



SHIFTING SANDS

Churchill plea to prolong the present Parliament for the duration, on eve of U S election, naturally spotlights the differences in the two systems. Some students of gov't assert that the British plan is superior in troubled times; they ask seriously whether U S electoral system can function in a new world order. Their contentions: "Events, not the calendar, should determine nat'l elections." Under parliamentary system, of course, when executive loses majority support, his gov't falls. In U S, critics point out, there may be continuing friction. Re-election of Roosevelt, with Democratic legislative majority, is no panacea. Many Democrats in both houses oppose the New Deal philosophy. It is worth noting that English citizens under 30 have never had the opportunity to vote in a nat'l election. The present Parliament has been in continuous power since '35. English by-elections have been suspended since war's outset 9-'35.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"America will hit even harder now that all her belligerency can be used for export."—*London Evening News*, commenting on outcome of U S election.

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"We live only 5 min walk from the beach, but our little girl had not seen the sea for over 4 yrs. We dared not go so far from home and the caves."—An English mother at the liberation ceremony in Dover recently.

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"I heard you talking about the gasoline shortage, so I filled up the tank with water, and put in your bottle of vitamin pills."—4-yr-old son of ALVIN P MEYERS, Los Angeles. (And MEYERS had just used his last coupons to get 10 gal's of gas!)

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"Sooner or later, the German army will advance beyond the Reich's frontiers and reconquer the territorial forefield needed for the greater German Empire."—HEINRICH HIMLER, Gestapo chief, reassuring German people.

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"We may have to occupy Germany for 50 or 60 yrs to come. It is my hope that Russians or Poles may have this job. You Americans are too nice."—DR ADRIAN HARTOG, Netherlands consul, Los Angeles, addressing American troops at Camp Haan.

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"You know how women are in an organization. I don't think it will work."—JEAN N BRUNNER, nat'l commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, taking stand that women veterans of World War II should not be admitted to membership. (He thinks they should have their own organization.)

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"I shall be one of the 1st to throw my hat into the air."—Gen Jos STILWELL, recently relieved as commander in China-Burma-India theater, assuring Lord MOUNTBATTEN of his eagerness to celebrate success of forthcoming operations. (Mbr of British Commons this wk proposed STILWELL be designated *persona non grata* at all British fronts because of his alleged caustic comments on Indian military forces.)

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"Private flying in the postwar period will represent 98% of the aviation industry."—Col HERBERT F Fox, state director of aviation for Tenn.

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"Women are not all alike."—Arresting observation gleaned from new War dep't brochure, *Do You Want Your Wife to Work After the War?* (WD takes no stand officially; cites arguments for and agin')

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"I just did what Stocky told me to do."—Lt LYLE M WRIGHT, Buffalo, N Y, who, temporarily blinded by burst of flak, landed Mustang plane at an English base by following directions of another pilot.

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"Please do not place kisses on the memorial; lipstick cannot be removed."—GROVER ANDREWS, chairman veterans committee, Muskegon Mich, urging girls not to deface memorial honoring soldiers killed in 2nd world war.

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"I saw no shooting, no fighting and didn't hear any guns."—Explanation of RAMONA VEGA ZAZUETA, of Los Angeles, when haled into court on a charge of failing to report for induction. ZAZUETA, speaking through an interpreter, said he became separated from his group of draftees and finally went home.

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"My profession is fast fading. When a few old-timers pass on, a pick-pocket will be as difficult to find as the Dodo bird."—LOUIS P BELL, arrested in Little Rock, Ark in an attempt to obtain the pocketbook of a ry worker. (BELL, aged 60, admitted he was "growing too old and clumsy".)

"We slammed 'em until hell wouldn't have it!"—Lt-Gen COURTNEY H HODGES, commenting in retrospect on closing days of the battle of France.

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"There are a few basic differences between men and women. Women are not just small men . . ."—From ODT pamphlet, *Practical Hints to Employers of Women*.

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"Folks who cross bridges before they come to them don't live so long."—BURREL NASH, aged 105, believed to be nation's oldest voter. (He arrived at polls before making his presidential choice.)

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"The embrace is to be avoided when a soldier is wearing medals, ribbons and other decorations. They readily catch in the gown, and the result is both damaging to the dress and awkward at a moment when grace is imperative."—From *Proprieties of Military Courtship*.

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"I never did know what they were for, and I still don't."—Mrs ARLENE BOOKMAN, Hollywood, Calif, receiving bill from Gov't for \$4,025 worth of allotment checks, sent her in error in '42. (She wrote 8 times asking for an explanation; was finally told to wait for "further communication".)

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"If one day it finally comes to pass that our beloved Fuehrer must leave Germany temporarily, the German navy will take him in its care. We know all the island domains of this world. Our navy has U-boat bases and hiding places in the most distant seas."—German U-Boat commander.

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"The place of a woman is behind a man, inspiring and encouraging him. It's biological. It's part of the scheme of things. Every man who has ever succeeded has had a woman behind him."—Mrs HORTENSE M ODLUM, who last week retired to private life after serving as president of Bonwit Teller, Inc for 6 yrs and chairman of the board of directors for 4 yrs.

"Don't you know me?"—Pvt. FRED J COLANTONIO, Am soldier, on meeting an elderly man in Castel St Vincenzo, Italy. It was his father whom he had not seen for 14 yrs.



"The U S owes us a pretty good debt for what we did for them in '40-'41."—ROB'T BOOTHBY, British M P.

"Britain should remember her lend-lease debt to the U S and not take it for granted."—DAN'L LIPSON, British M P.

"Nothing has been won and nothing lost in this war. The last battle alone will decide."—PAUL JOS GOEBBELS, Nazi Propaganda minister, in a broadcast to German people.

"Have another candy kiss, Marge. The others are kinda hard to get these days, aren't they?"—Conversation overheard between two young ladies on a bus.

"Please send me back—collect."—Tag attached to collar of "USO," a foot-loose pup which has been adopted by the Madison (Wis) USO. He is probably the only dog in the nation with his own taxicab service.

"Damn those engineers. They went and buried that old dead cow and smoothed out the road where I have been turning left and I didn't smell him and wandered all over the place before I could find him."—Lt THOMAS D RODMAN, Sparta, Ill, a reconnaissance officer, complaining about the removal of the guide-marks he used to check patrols near the front line.

"No sugar. No candy. No work. Another vacation. Pretty soft, eh?"—Sign posted on a closed candy shop in Chicago.

"I do think Tojo make a little mistake."—Japanese Officer, taken prisoner by Netherlands East Indies patrol on Blak island.

"There are only 2 ways to withdraw: straight up on straight down."—A British paratroop sgt, during the last days of the fighting near Arnhem.

"Jews govern, suckers fight; Vote for Roosevelt's Hebrew might."—German propaganda leaflet distributed (via shells) to American forces.

"Dem dames! Dem dames! Dey oughta be gigged fer smellin' like dis—all dese different smells—it just ain't GI!"—Soldier plumber, passing thru WAC barrack to make bldg repairs.

"Special microphones have been installed to enable him to yell for help."—Morgen Tidningen (Stockholm) reporting that HITLER has decided to stick to Berchtesgaden for the duration.

"Don't leave cash around—buy war bonds."—IRVIN GOLDFARB, "Detroit's best burglar," in a helpful bulletin to householders. (Implicated by a confederate, GOLDFARB admitted looting 130 homes of \$75,000 in valuables. He is 22 yrs old.)

"A steak is a steak!"—Comment of a patron of Oscar's Grill, Salem, Mass. When a 3-alarm fire broke out, 3 guests were seen carrying out their half-eaten steaks and cutlery to a nearby automobile where they finished the meal.

"There is no ret'n flight."—Spokesman for Tokio militarists asserting that Japs are using "human V-1s"—air torpedoes with a pilot—against the American fleet in the Philippines. Said to carry only enough gas for flight and attack.

"A natural blonde after 25 is rare . . . It takes care, time and money to keep being blonde. Nowadays women are too busy."—Mfg'r of peroxide.

"Geo and I have a bet on which candidate will carry Calif. If I win, Geo has to give me the money for a new hat. If I lose, I'll just charge it."—GRACIE ALLEN, radio comedian.

"Betty Grable's dance was so hot it caught the film afire."—Explanation of an enterprising motion picture house in St Chas, Va, when fire destroyed the projection room.

"Well, yes, I heard some swing music; but it was a physical impossibility to listen to it."—Sir THOS BEECHAM, British symphony conductor, upon his ret'n to London after 4 yrs in U S, Canada, Australia.

"Mark you, altho I am a Scotsman, I should be happy to lose my bet."—Sir CHAS MAC ANDREW, offering to wager Sir WM JOWITT, Britain's new Minister of Social Security, ten pounds (\$40) that nation will have approx 17% unemployed for 10 yrs after the war. Gov't estimate: 8%. Wager was not accepted.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

"Let the Church Watch the Campus!"—CHAS EUGENE CONOVER, *Christian Century*, 11-1-'44.

(Dr Conover is minister of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Oxford, O, a typical college town.)

"O, God, we are confused." The opening words of a student's prayer reflect an educational world shaken to its depths by forces outside the campus. Psychologically prepared for peace and less disciplined than any generation in history, they now face the regimentation of total war.

At 16-18 we ask mature decisions of our young people. "We have had no childhood," they say bitterly. "We feel older than our teachers. Their lives are set. We have to make ours."

Boys who would be considered too young to take up the collection in church are turned loose with quarter-of-a-million dollar bombers and enough high explosives to destroy a college campus. Yet at the same time that we expect a premature maturity, the adult world offers less stable guidance.

A new seriousness has come to the campus. But it is not Christian in origin. It is largely traced to the new import of the nation in the life of students.

A diminishing opportunity to reach students is the problem the Church faces on the American campus. Once a volunteer religious program could be carried on. Now, the religious worker faces a situation in which many students are responsive—when he can get at them. Religion is hard-pressed. Let the Church watch the American campus. Let it again seek the central place in education for religion.

ATHEISM

Voltaire, the French atheist, lost no opportunity to scoff at religion. On one occasion, dining with the King of Prussia, he concluded, "I would sell my place in heaven for a Prussian dollar."

"Monsieur de Voltaire," observed a stout burgomaster, who was present, "in Prussia we never buy costly goods without feeling sure of the owner's right to them. If you can prove your right to a place in heaven, I will buy it for \$10,000."

For once the quick-witted atheist had no reply.

BIRTH CONTROL

Rose Curtis, of Viking Press, writes of a customer's complaint. He ordered *Practical Birth Control Methods*—but in some mysterious manner the book rec'd was *Children Object!*—*Counterpoints*, hm World Book Co.

CANDOR

For Sale: 1 pr white rabbits. Reason for selling: they are more trouble than worth.—Ad in *Nacogdoches* (Tex) *Daily Sentinel*.

CHILDREN—and Adults

Even very young children are quick to detect inanity. They dislike the adult who "talks down" to them, and who employs absurd similes and terms.

After accompanying a kindly neighbor lady to Sunday School for several wks, a 4-yr-old rebelled. "I don't want to go," she said. "Mrs S is so silly. She's always saying things like, 'That's a pretty dress you have on, Teddy. Can I wear your dress?'"—JUANITA HARDING, addressing midwestern PTA groups.

CREDIT—Collections

Sign in an Atlanta sidestreet restaurant:

"If you believe in credit, loan me \$5."

DEMOCRACY—and Capitalism

Although capitalism and democracy do not necessarily go hand in hand, they have become so closely associated in the actual experience of advanced great nations that most

of us think of them as front and back of the same coin.—Dr A ALLAN BATES, addressing graduates Case School Applied Science, Cleveland.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

When the bootblack shines your shoes, you pay him, of course. Perhaps you tip him. Very well. Thank him.

"Oh," you say, "payment is thanks enough. Besides, I thought thanksgiving meant thanking God."

It does. But can you thank one of the Creator's humblest creatures without thanking his Creator?

Payment is simply justice; tipping is a custom against which there are sound arguments. But thanks, honest, sincere, genuine—that's the coin that buys heart's desire. Thank your bootblack. Thank the salesman who waits on you. Thank your postman, your milkman, your newsboy. Form the habit of giving thanks for every service. There is no better way to become conscious of your many blessings.—*Good Business*.

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Can you remember a half-dozen times in your life when you were really hungry—as hungry as the tiny children of Greece, the haggard old women of Hungary, the weakened old men of Poland? Can you remember a time when it was not possible for you to have at least the foundation of a good education? Can you recall a time when you were denied the right to go quietly to church to worship? Have you ever had to skulk along the streets, under the watchful eyes of foreign foe, as you went about your peaceful ways? Have you ever seen your mother under the lash of a Nazi determined to wrest from her the secrets that would send another to death?

No you haven't. Yet you ask what you have to be thankful for *this year!*—ROB'T CASPER LINTNER, addressing servicemen in *The Link*.

DESTINY

Scientists report hanging a caged female moth of a rare species in an office room in Chicago, with the window closed. Some 4 mi away, in the crowded city, full of smells of gasoline, hot dogs and whatnot, a male moth of the same species was released. In a few hours, the male was beating his wings against the window pane of the room which housed the solitary female moth. No one knows how he found her.

Do ideas fly with the same sureness across incredible barriers to the one heart or mind for which they are destined? We think they do.—*Letter, Fall, '44.*

FRIENDSHIP

She wangled an introduction to an important producer, who was a noted wolf.

He started with the usual line, "You're beautiful, but you need smart clothes, furs and jewels to set off your beauty." He tossed her a pencil and pad and told her to jot down whatever she wanted and needed.

She gave the subject some thought for a few moments, then wrote: "I want a chance. I need a friend."

The wolf turned into a lamb and is giving her a job.—*Hollywood Reporter.*

HANDICAPS—Outwitting

"It isn't what you've lost: it's what you have left that counts."—Philosophy of Geo BARR, Chicago chemist who lost a leg in a traffic accident. (BARR has built a profitable business in which 90% of employees are physically handicapped.)

HAPPINESS

What makes for happiness? It isn't money. It isn't glamour. It isn't success—although all those things are nice. Happiness lies within the walls of a real household, and all else is relative.—MARY MARTIN (singing star of stage & screen) "The Time of My Life," *The Woman*, 10-'44.

IDEALS—Attainment

A distinguished artist was once found weeping bitterly as she sat

contemplating her last picture. When asked why, she answered: "This picture fulfils perfectly my ideal of what I meant it to be; I have reached my one ideal. My career as an artist is ended."—WM FRANKLIN ANDERSON, *Hammer and Sparks*. (Blakiston)

LABOR—Domestic

A lady interviewed an applicant for a job as cook. Before the conference had got well under way it came to an abrupt halt. Seems the lady was unable to supply the name and address of the last occupant of the job to serve as a reference.—*The Montrealer.*

LIFE—Defined

Man's life: 20 yrs of wasting what his dad makes; 20 yrs of trying to keep his kids from wasting what he makes.—ROB'T QUILLLEN.

Life's Lessons

Experience is what you get while you are looking for something else.—*Threads*, hm Geometric Tool Co.

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What counts in knowledge is that which you learn after you reach the point where you know it all.—*Advertiser's Digest.*

NOSTALGIA

Maybe some day a genius of the perfume art will compound a scent combining the odor the old heating stove gave off with the 1st fires of fall, the aroma of home-made soup, fresh bread and clean-clothes-frozen-out-of-doors. I'll bet it would have a greater power of attraction than those scents that advertise the length to which a young woman is willing to go to get her man.—JAS S POOLER, *Detroit Free-Press.*

PEACE—War

The interval between Nov 11, '18 and Dec 7, '41 is the longest period in which the U S has been at peace.—WILL FOSTER, exec of Borden Co, addressing Sales Executives' Council, Chicago.



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MEGAPHONE**

Allied Liquor Industries, trade organization for the distilling industry, has just released consumption figures for 1st half of '44, showing increase of "only 4 1/2%" above same period last yr, although nat'l income registered 12% gain. Normally, consumption of distilled spirits paces income. Candidly, the figures probably contain little long-range consolation for Prohibition advocates. They reflect (1) relative scarcity of liquor; (2) absence of many man of "drinking age" in armed services. Federal tax of \$9 a gal may have been minor factor.

Picture industry is increasingly concerned over growing scarcity of raw film. Gov't is exporting greater quantities for propaganda films in countries recently liberated.

Sears, Roebuck which has owned Encyclopedia Britannica for yrs recently presented this valuable property to U of Chicago. A subsidiary has been formed to produce educational films on large scale.

Fact that Army has discontinued recruitment of civilian physicians does not portend early improvement in civilian situation. Some over-age doctors have been ret'd to civilian practice, but scarcely enough to offset mortality. Navy is still actively recruiting. And of course virtually all advanced medical students are pledged to armed services.

Britain is revising marriage laws to permit English girls who marry men from overseas to bring divorce proceedings in her courts. Under present statutes, British girl who marries American, for example, acquires husband's domicile, loses her own, even tho she may remain in her native land. To divorce him, she must establish residence in U S.



APPAREL: Nylon resin will be used extensively for slide fasteners, postwar. Resists pressure in laundering process, thus superior to metal zippers.

AUTOMOBILE: Spark plugs for all types of automotive vehicles in postwar period will have 3 or 4 times life of present type. Secret lies in core of copper in plug's central electrode, which has faculty of conducting heat rapidly; hence helps keep nickel-alloy or other metallic sparking points cool and pitless. (*Business Wk*)

COMMUNICATIONS: New telephone-locking device prevents home or office visitors from running up unwarranted phone bills. Made of unbreakable plastic, with series of 8 different keys. Doesn't restrict incoming calls. (*Forbes*)

FOOD: Mail-order catalogs of future will probably carry section listing frozen foods. The big houses are now gathering data on mkts.

PRODUCTS: Damage caused by dry-rot, fungi, molds, in various types of wood can be controlled, prevented with new type wood preserver. Penetrates deeply, impregnates wood, sealing it against destructive organisms. Applied by brush, spray, dipping. Non-poisonous to humans; will not bleed thru when light paint is applied over it. (*Chem & Metallurgical Engineering*)

Your postwar vacuum cleaner will have paper cone dust bag. Cone gathers dust for easy, clean disposal, thus eliminating objectionable feature of present models.

A latex which may be substituted for chicle in making chewing gum has been extracted from milkweed. (*American Chicle Co.*)

POLITICS

Politics is the only serious subject that men think themselves qualified to act upon without previous education or instruction whatever.—H P HUGHES, *American Mercury*, 11-'44.

POSTWAR—Planning

Some morning we are going to wake up and find that the post-war world is here.—*Jaqua Way*, hm Jaqua Co, Grand Rapids, Mich.

PRAYER—Answered

The Rector of Epworth, Eng, was aroused by crackling flames. Hurriedly awakening his wife and children, he herded them out of the house, where they stood watching the ghastly blaze.

Suddenly discovering one child missing, the rector attempted to clamber up the stairs; they sagged, gave way under his weight. In despair, he knelt in prayer.

Just then the child appeared at an upper window. Two neighbors, one on the shoulders of another, reached up, grasped the 6-yr-old boy just as the roof collapsed.

A few seconds more and John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church would have lost his life.—*Coronet*.

PROCRASTINATION

If I were a devil with the diabolical power and will to work the ruin of men, I would convince them that every good thing their consciences told them to do ought to be done—*sometime*.—Rev J W HOLLAND, *Progressive Farmer*.

QUESTIONNAIRE—Possibilities

The questionnaire industry, if properly developed, might even solve the problem of unemployment—with half the people busy asking questions and the other half answering.—DAVID L COHN, "In Defense of the Questionnaire," *Sat Rev of Literature*, 10-28-'44.

RACES—Negro

When heirs go to the bank to claim their inheritance, they simply claim it. The bank is not doing them any favor, nor being liberal, generous or broadminded when it pays off. It has to pay off.

We Negroes are going to the bank to claim our inheritance—political, economic and social equality.—ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, (wife of PAUL ROBESON, actor) "A Negro Looks at Africa," *Asia & The Americas*, 11-'44.

SERVICEMEN—Handicaps

At one hospital stop I noticed that a boy was tripping everyone who came into the dining room. He was getting a big bang out of it, and so was the entire mess hall. It didn't seem so funny to me, and I said so to my neighbor.

"I guess it isn't funny," he said, "but the boys are pretending that it is. You see he's doing the tripping with a wooden leg. This is the 1st time he's worn it. He just got it today."—EDDIE CANTOR, "GI Joe, Swell Guy," *Am Legion Mag*, 11-'44.

In Retrospect

A psychiatrist says 20% of the politicians in this country are mildly insane. And the remaining 80%—they're plain nuts, eh, doc?—*Nashville Tennessean*.

SEXES—Conflict

One day in 1792, my great-grandmother, Polly Hopkins, was present at a dinner at which Noah Webster was also a guest. Roast pig was served and it fell to the lot of one Sam Sheldon to carve. He took up a rib which he had removed from the pork and very impolitely and very innocently said, "That was such a thing as woman was made of."

"Yes," said Polly Hopkins, "and in both cases it was taken out of much such a creature."—RUTH HUNT, *Sat Eve Post*.

TAXES

We should set our tax rates to balance the budget at a nat'l income of \$140 billion, and not at \$120 billion or some lesser figure—which would mean millions of unemployed. We do not want our tax system to work against us all the way up to high employment—in fact we may never reach it if we set our tax rates too high.—

Why didn't we act to stop "The Japanese Threat"?

Tho we incline to think of SUMNER WELLES as a young man, in contrast to the venerable CORDELL HULL, it is worth remembering that he celebrated his 52nd birthday last mo, and has spent nearly 3 decades in the diplomatic service of the U S. As 2nd in command in our State dept during recent eventful yrs he has had an unparalleled opportunity to view the contemporary world scene. His new book, *The Time For Decision* (Harper, \$3.) is obviously one of the significant documents of our day. In this excerpt, we present briefly some of the background of "The Japanese Threat."

By '31 the purely militaristic elements in Japan had gained control. The gov't shrewdly selected for its next move toward Asiatic domination a moment when the nations of Europe were deeply preoccupied with other questions. The rape of Manchuria marked the failure of the League of Nations. The unwillingness of the League to act and the impunity with which Japan was able to proceed were the direct causes for the Italian gov't, 2 yrs later, to undertake the conquest of Ethiopia. They also contributed to the decision of Adolf Hitler to embark upon the creation of his "greater Germany."

The blindness and stupid selfishness of all of us in those yrs is amazing as we look back. It is not, I think, that we actually believed the Japanese propaganda that the "Chinese Adventure" was only temporary. It is rather, I fear, that we wanted to believe it.

This country, like most of the Western powers, has had many good reasons to suspect Japan's ultimate designs. But for American diplomacy or foreign policy to have been effective during the 5 yrs preceding Pearl Harbor, American public opinion would have had to express its readiness to support positive acts. It would have had to make clear its readiness to defend its legitimate rights thruout the Pa-

cific, and to prevent Japan, by force, if necessary, from obtaining a strategic position from which she could suddenly strike. No such popular support for a positive policy existed. Moreover, Washington's ability to maneuver was almost ended by legislative enactment, and the conduct of foreign affairs practically ceases without such latitude.

In the last mo's prior to Pearl Harbor, when Congress finally removed many of the obstacles to executive action, the adoption of a more positive policy was made extremely difficult by the increasing probability that the policies of the European Axis would eventually force this country into war. The insistent demands of our highest military and naval authorities that diplomacy prevent hostilities with Japan until the last possible moment, in order that the U S might not find herself confronted with a war in both oceans, were regarded—and I think rightly—as the paramount consideration. That was the compelling reason why the Administration continued to permit, until only 3 mo's prior to Pearl Harbor, the exportation of certain grades of oil and scrap iron to Japan. That is the explanation of the President's subsequent use of the much criticized expression "babying along" in connection with our policy toward Japan.

BEARDSLEY RUMI, originator of "pay-as-you-go" tax plan.

VALUE—Illustrated

You get Grandpa a new pr of false teeth with \$5 worth of material and \$200 of labor. Grandpa passes on. You have the disposal job of selling Grandpa's teeth.

If you put a price on them of \$205, I defy you to sell them. The way to salvage them is to melt them up and sell them for \$5.—F C CRAWFORD, pres, Thompson Products Co, Cleveland, testifying before a Congressional committee on values to be placed upon surplus war materials.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Thanksgivin' at Granny's
JAS WHITCOMB RILEY

It was 95 yrs ago that the beloved poet of childhood viewed his first Autumn at Greenfield, Ind. It was ever his favorite season, immortalized in perhaps the best-known of the Riley verses, When The Frost is on The Punkin. Tho he was a bachelor and (if the truth be known) not too fond of children in close proximity to his person, he wrote understandingly of their ways and wiles. (On one occasion, posing for a publicity picture with a group of children, RILEY, at the last moment, set down a tiny tot who had been placed on his knee; plucked up a puppy instead.) RILEY died in 1916.

Last Thanksgivin'-dinner we
Et at Granny's house, an' she
Had—ist like she alluz does—
Most an' best pies ever wuz.

Canned blackburry-pie an' goose-
Burry, squashin' full o' juice;
An rozburry—yes, an' plum—
Yes, an' churruy-pie—um-yum!

Peach an' punkin, too, you bet.
Lawzy! I kin taste 'em yet!
Yes, an' custard-pie, an' mince!

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An'—I—ain't—et—no—pie since!

WEALTH—Distribution

There is no social difference between the man with \$200,000 a yr and the man with a "mere" \$20,000; they go to the same schools, wear the same clothes, have the same manners. I do not object to that inequality. What I jib at is the inequality between both of those and the man with \$2,000 or less.—BERNARD SHAW, *Everybody's Political What's What* (Dodd)

A motorist, who was picked up unconscious after a smash, opened his eyes as he was being carried into a nearby garage. He began to kick and struggle and tried vainly to get away. When he was afterwards asked the reason, he explained that the first thing he saw was a "Shell" sign and "some fool was standing in front of the 'S'."

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The chemistry prof having written the formula HN_3O_3 on the blackboard, asked a backward pupil what it signified.

"Why, er, ah," stalled the unhappy one, "it's right on the tip of my tongue."

"Well, in that case," said the professor kindly, "you'd better spit it out, my boy. It's nitric acid."

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A Quaker, once hearing a person tell how much he felt for another person who was in distress and needed assistance, drily asked him, "Friend, hast thee felt in thy pocket for him?"—*The Christian Evangelist*.



OF THE WEEK

The battle of the Philippines was nip and tuck; we tuk the Nips.—Knoxville (Tenn) News-Sentinel.

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ALIMONY: The high cost of leaving.—Marine Corps Chevron.

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Blessed are the peacemakers. They never have to worry about unemployment.—Kenosha (Wis) News.

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SUBMARINE: A ship with water on all four sides of it.—Command Post.

GOOD STORIES

YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

WM E BARRETT

In the mad 20's, a French pilot who had participated in a famous flight was entertained by the Chamber of Commerce in a midwestern city. As part of the program he visited the local zoo, where he was fascinated by an ostrich. Requesting paper and pencil, he made a rapid sketch of the bird. Gathering further data from the sup't on weight and proportions of the ostrich, he made careful notes.

Later, the pilot guest emerged from his room wearing a smile of triumph. He had re-designed the awkward ostrich, providing him with a wing of appropriate span and camber.

"It is remarkable," he said. "This ostrich I have designed would outfly the eagle. *Mon Dieu*, if only I could build him!"—*True Mag.*

A ret'd paratrooper was telling a nice old lady on the train how landings were made behind enemy lines. "I really don't see how you can hang from that silk thing," she said. "The suspense must be terrible."

"No mum," he rep'd. "It's when the suspense ain't there that it's terrible."—*Storts & Distorts*, hm Storts Welding Co.

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And there's the kid who, on his examination paper, wrote that a prime minister is a preacher at his best.—*Capper's Wkly.*

An elderly man, working in his garden was asked, "Which weeds are the easiest to kill?"

"Widow's weeds," he ans'd promptly. "You only have to say, 'Wilt thou' and they wilt."

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The teletype had just tapped out our D-day orders. Intent group of officers squatted about a large-scale map spread out on the floor.

A passing cpl knelt beside us and plunked down a fistful of money. Too late, he discovered he was in conference with two colonels, two majors, and a captain.

"Jeepers," he muttered. "I thought it was a crap game!"—Capt C M, quoted in "Service Chuckles," *American Mag.*

